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EFFECT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON PEOPLE RESIDING IN FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the adverse effect of Climate Change on the people residing in the forests;

(b) whether the Government proposes to bring any device for reducing the effect of climate change;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any long term scheme for the rehabilitation of the people dependent on the forests; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (e) Preliminary assessment of impacts of projected climate change on forest ecosystem undertaken for the preparation of India's Initial National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change during 2001-2004, indicates shifts in forest boundaries, changes in species composition (forest types), changes in net productivity, loss of biodiversity, forests die back in the transient phase and adverse socio economic implications. More comprehensive research and in depth studies are required to validate these preliminary results. Several existing policies and schemes of the Government seek to address the similar impacts of current climate variability.